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(57) Abstract: A centrifugal evaporator is described comprising a chamber in which sample containers are carried and rotated by a rotor and are pivotally mounted so as to swing up into a horizontal attitude as the rotor rotates. The evaporator includes an infra red source to direct infra red radiation towards the rotor and the sample containers carried thereon, to heat at least the latter and any sample material therein. A non-contact temperature sensing infra red pyrometer having a sensor with a defined field of view is mounted in the chamber, such that while the rotor as such is substantially out of its field of view, each sample container at least partly occupies the pyrometer field of view for a part of each rotation of the rotor. The positions of the infrared source and the pyrometer components are selected so that the radiation from the infra red source does not impinge on the pyrometer sensor.

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